

State Profile: Kentucky

The Office of Child Care's National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center

Program Funding and Participation

Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)¹

Funding	
CCDF Expenditure:	\$173,232,105
Federal Expenditure:	\$156,247,192
State Expenditure:	\$16,984,913
Participation	
Average Monthly Number of Children Served:	30,900
Average Monthly Number of Families Served:	17,400

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)²

Funding	
TANF – Total Child Care Expenditure:	63,293,301
TANF – Direct Expenditure on Child Care:	\$8,907,001
TANF – Transfer to CCDF:	\$54,386,300

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)⁵

Funding	
CACFP Funding:	\$26,405,675
Participation	
Number of participating family child care homes:	601
Number of participating child care centers:	833
Average daily participation of children in family child care homes:	3,919
Average daily participation of children in child care centers:	39,096

Child Care Tax Credits⁶

Funding	
Federal Total Amount Claimed:	\$34,770,000
Federal Number of Claims:	72,860
State Tax Credit Available:	Yes
State Credit Refundable:	No

Head Start³

Funding	
Head Start State Allocation:	\$111,506,347
Participation	
Number of Children Participating in Head Start:	15,961

State-Funded Prekindergarten⁴

Funding	
State Expenditure:	\$75,127,700
Participation	
Enrollment (3 and 4 year olds):	21,485

CCDF Policies

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Quality

Licensing Process⁷

Child Care Facilities	Number	Capacity
Child Care Centers	2,249	181,256
Small Family Child Care Homes	675	4,050
Large/Group Family Child Care Homes	0	0
Other Licensed Facilities:	139	1,618
Total:	3,063	186,924

Licensing Agency Staff	
Number of Licensing Line Staff	31
Estimated Caseloads	99:1

Types of Routine Compliance Inspections Conducted	Announced	Unannounced
Child Care Centers	No	Yes
Small Family Child Care Homes	No	Yes
Large/Group Family Child Care Homes	No	No

Frequency of Inspections	
Child Care Centers	Once a year
Small Family Child Care Homes	Once a year
Large/Group Family Child Care Homes	No category of facility

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Program Quality⁸

Program Standards	
State has program standards that are at least one level above licensing	Yes
Standards are part of an implemented quality rating and improvement system (QRIS)	Yes
Standards are part of a QRIS pilot or QRIS in development	No
Standards are part of another statewide quality improvement initiative	No

Program Supports	
State provides technical assistance/consultation to help programs improve quality	Yes
TA is part of a QRIS	Yes
State has an accreditation facilitation project	No
State has health consultants	Yes
State has infant/toddler specialists	No
State has school-age care specialists	No
State has inclusion specialists	No
State has mental health specialists	Yes
State has support for family, friend, and neighbor caregivers	No

Quality Assurance	
State is using environment rating scales to measure quality (ECERS, FCCRS, SACERS, ITERS)	Yes
State is using the Program Administration Scale or Business Administration Scale (PAS/BAS)	No
State is using other assessment tools, i.e., Early Learning and Literacy Classroom Observation (ELLCO) or Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)	No
Program assessments are part of a QRIS	Yes

Financial Incentives	
State has enhanced rates/tiered reimbursement tied to quality	Yes
State has grants/bonuses/awards to help meet licensing requirements	No
State has grants/bonuses/awards for working toward levels of quality	No
State has grants/bonuses/awards for achieving levels of quality	Yes
Financial incentives are part of a QRIS	Yes

Consumer Engagement	
State has a Web site for parents with information about quality	Yes
State publishes quality ratings on the Internet or in print	Yes
State publishes information about licensing compliance on the Internet	No
State conducts consumer engagement campaign with a focus on quality	Yes

Quality Rating and Improvement System
STARS for KIDS NOW Child Care Quality Rating System

Professional Development Systems⁹

Core Knowledge/Competencies	
State has defined core/knowledge competencies for practitioners	Yes

Qualifications, Credentials, Pathways	
State has a career lattice/ladder	No
State has a practitioner registry	Yes
State has credentials (e.g., director, early childhood, school-age, infant/toddler, etc.)	Yes

Quality Assurance	
State has a trainer approval system	Yes
State has a training approval system	Yes

Access and Outreach	
State has mentoring/coaching to help practitioners improve their skills	No
State has career advising	Yes
State has a database or calendar of training opportunities on the Internet	No

Funding for Practitioners	
State has scholarships, including TEACH Early Childhood® Project	Yes
State has wage supplements/incentive bonuses	Yes

Professional Development System
Kids Now Initiative

Early Learning Guidelines¹⁰

Age Group		Early Learning Guidelines
Birth to 3 years	No	
3 to 5 years	No	
Birth to 5 years	Yes	Building a Strong Foundation for School Success: Kentucky Early Childhood Standards

Demographics

Children and Families¹¹

Population Statistics	
Total population:	4,314,113
Number of children under 5:	290,407
Total number of children under 18:	1,017,211
Children under 5 as a percent of population:	6.73%
Children under 18 as a percent of population:	23.57%

Poverty Rate Estimates	
Children under 5 in poverty:	30.64%
Children under 18 in poverty:	25.59%

Children Living in Working Families	
Percent of children under 6 living with working parents:	21.73%
Percent of children ages 6-17 living with working parents:	43.22%

Workforce¹²

Workforce Statistics	
Number of paid employees in child care establishments	14,575
Number of self-employed child care providers	6,829
Average annual wage for child care workers	\$18,430

State Contacts Directories

CCDF Lead Agencies
Licensing Agencies
Professional Development Contacts
Child Care Resource and Referral Contacts
Other State Contacts

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